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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Examiner's Amendment was entered on November 7, 2005. Applicants assert that the Amendment is clarifying in nature and was not intended to, and did not, narrow the claims. The Examiner also stated reasons for allowance. While those reasons are correct and proper, they are not the sole reasons that the claims are patentable over the prior art. The scope of the claims should be limited solely by the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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